



PATENT

1648
The Amold
3A
Mw

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Richard L. Atkinson
Nikhil V. Dhurandhar

Date: October 13, 2000

RECEIVED

Serial No.: 09/619,117

Examiner: SALIMF

OCT 26 2000

Filed: 07/19/2000

Art Unit: 1642

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Title: VIRAL OBESITY METHODS
AND COMPOSITIONS

Our Ref: 710395.90010

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 4, delete "For this Application" and insert therefor -- This application is a
continuation of patent application Serial Number 09/056,153 filed April 6, 1998, which
claims--.

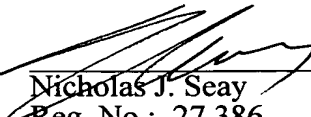
11/11/00

now US Patent no. 6,127,113

REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification of this application is to properly claim
priority from the parental case in this application. This is a continuation application claiming
priority from the application referenced above.

Respectfully submitted,


Nicholas J. Seay
Reg. No.: 27,386
Attorney for Applicants
QUARLES & BRADY LLP
P.O. Box 2113
Madison, WI 53701

TEL 608/251-5000
FAX 608/251-9166